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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Compensating For Line Width Variances in a Photolithographic System**
Inventors: McCullough *et al.*
Our Ref: 1857.1040003

Sir:

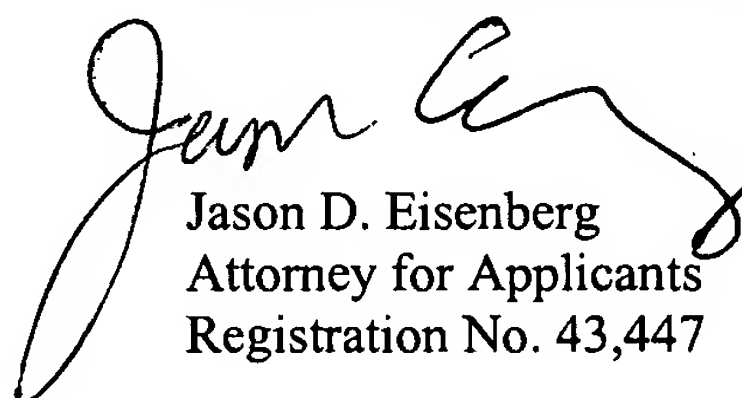
Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115;
2. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings For New Figs. 11A-11D); and
3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In advance of prosecution, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

This Preliminary Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the specification by presenting replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (D) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.